



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp  
Security Forces members practice riot control procedures during an exercise Thursday morning. As part of the scenario, the protestors illegally entered the installation and didn't heed warnings to leave. Security police in full riot gear forcefully removed them from the base.

## The scenarios

### ONE:

Fifteen firefighters attending a briefing inside the base theater were overcome by a noxious gas. Robins' first responders responded to find victims, some inside and some outside, in various degrees of illness. An unknown container was identified inside the theater and the explosive ordinance team was called in.

### TWO:

A group of protestors against the buildup and preparation for mobility illegally entered the installation to voice their views. They were given the opportunity to peacefully depart. Those who chose not to were taken into custody and processed accordingly.

# Warrior Day revisited

## Robins prepares for May ORI

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If practice makes perfect, then the Center will be at the top of its game in May when it opens its gates to a team of Air Force Materiel Command inspectors during its Operational Readiness Inspection.

Preparing for that day, first responders flexed their collective muscle during Operational Readiness Exercise scenarios Wednesday and Thursday.

According to Col. Williams Saunders, the ongoing exercise is very similar to the upcoming ORI and is a test of skill and procedure.

"What we are doing is allowing our folks the opportunity to make sure we're ready for the ORI because it's a huge grade for this Center in terms of how ready we are to carry out our mission," the inspector general said. "We are ensuring that all activities on base that will be involved with the ORI can do their job."

Security Forces personnel donned their riot gear Thursday when a group of unruly individuals decided to come onto the installation to voice their protests against the war.

Lt. Col. Mark Papen, Security Forces Squadron commander, said though the scenario is one you don't see a lot in Middle Georgia because of the supportive community, it is important to be prepared for anything.

"This is a great example of practicing what we call confrontation management," he said. "This is fantastic training because it doesn't get any better than this. This gets us one step closer to being pre-



Robins' first responders treat firefighters exposed to a noxious gas while attending a briefing inside the base theater. This portion of the exercise gave Robins another opportunity to practice responding to a weapons of mass destruction attack.

### What to know

Formerly known as a Major Accident Response Exercise or MARE the Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise, or FSTRE, gave a chance for Team Robins to evaluate their processes before the Operational Readiness Inspection in May. For the next week, the Center will continue to test its capabilities through various scenarios.

pared for what could happen real world and during the IG inspection in May."

A team of more than 100 exercise evaluators has been assembled to watch, monitor and evaluate various scenarios.

They participate in a follow-on discussion after the exercise to take a hard look at what was done right, what was done wrong and areas to focus.

Colonel Saunders said ultimately the exercise and the inspection are to make sure that Robins is ready to go to war.

"Though we are preparing our folks for the ORI, we're really preparing to go to war," he said.



Colonel Saunders



Colonel Papen



"We are evaluating to see if they are ready and conditioned for war - not just a peacetime evaluation. They have to know how to wear their gear and survive and operate. We are testing all of that."

The IG said Wednesday and Thursday's exercises are just some of the many events that will occur during the next two weeks.



Above, firefighters carry a casualty from the base theater Wednesday morning. As part of the scenario, an unknown container was identified inside the theater and the explosive ordinance team was called in.

Left, two of the firefighters involved in the briefing in the theater scramble for help.

"Everyone is following a procedure of policy, and that procedure is to minimize loss of life and damage to equipment," said Colonel Saunders. "My charge is to evaluate very thoroughly, leaving no stone left unturned."

Looking back on phase one, Colonel Saunders said he thinks Robins did a good job.

"I think we did very well," he said. "Are there issues that we need to discuss and fine tune a little bit? Yes. If I were to put a percentage on it I would say we're in the 90th percentile, but that's not where we want to be - we want to be at 100 percent. Today we would pass, but we don't want to just pass, we want to do outstanding."



**Black History Month events**

For more information, go to [www.robins.af.mil/blackhistory](http://www.robins.af.mil/blackhistory).

**Dinner theater, today**  
The contemporary jazz/R&B quintet, Five Men on a Stool, will perform at the Enlisted Club. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

**Youth Cultural Event, Saturday**  
The Youth Cultural Event, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation, is an event for the entire family. With an essay contest, story telling, motivational speakers, and traditional African dance, there is sure to be something for everyone.

**Career forum with panel speakers, Saturday**  
The forum will be from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Preparing our youth for the future is a commitment. This five to seven member panel will feature guests such as lawyers, politicians and athletes that will address career choices, education and life topics.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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**Presidents of Yore**  
By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
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22. Fencing tool  
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30. Help  
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33. English metaphysical poet and divine  
34. 41st President (1989-93)  
38. Blades  
39. Jaleel White character on Family Matters  
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41. Big truck  
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11. Abbrev. for Middle East country  
16. Elm or Oak  
18. 27th President (1909-13)  
21. Cubicle  
23. 7th President (1829-37)  
24. Electrical insulating material  
25. Smelly  
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28. Christmas carol  
33. Lucy’s partner  
34. 15th President (1857-61)  
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46. 39th President (1977-1981)  
49. 37th President (1969-1974)  
51. Military pay stub  
54. Oklahoma town  
55. \_\_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil  
56. USAF MAJCOM in charge of airlift  
58. In USAF, acronym for time to intercept an enemy  
59. \_\_\_\_ Cruces, N.M.  
60. Best pilot

For puzzle solution, see Feb. 27 edition of the Rev-Up

**Puzzle solution for Feb. 13**

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# Planner

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### Relocation assistance program

The Relocation Assistance Program at the FSC has base brochures on many Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard bases. They also have base videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. Call 926-3453 to order a SITES booklet. Base videos and brochures may be checked out for 48 hours.

### Spouse appreciation essay contest

The FSC is sponsoring an essay contest for all Team Robins personnel titled “Why My Spouse is So Terrific!” The top winner will be announced as the Robins Spouse of the Year 2004.

- All nominees will be invited to the 2004 Spouse Appreciation Reception May 14, and will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. The deadline is March 17. You may deliver it to the FSC or e-mail it to [cindy.graver@robins.af.mil](mailto:cindy.graver@robins.af.mil)
- “Special prize packages” will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners based on the following guidelines:
- Nominations may be submitted by all military members, DoD civilians or contractors assigned to Robins. This includes all branches of service and organizations.
  - Each nomination should include a cover page listing the person being nominated and their address, the nominator’s name/rank/title, unit or organization, and duty phone.
  - Type the name of the spouse on the cover page only. Do not use the spouse’s name in the actual write up. This is done so that the names will not influence the judges.
  - Limit the write up to one typewritten page (Times New Roman - 12 point).
  - Please stress the spouse’s contributions made during the last twelve months

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Aero Club

Private pilot ground school registration will be held Monday through Friday, Feb. 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Payment of \$540 is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, approximately six weeks and held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. One hundred percent tuition is available to active duty members upon completion. For more information, call the Aero Club.

### Base Restaurant

Tell us what you think. What sort of business would you support in the front area of the main Base Restaurant, Building 166? Ideas so far include a nail salon, coffee house, deli, bakery or massage therapy. To give us your ideas, go to [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) and click on Base Restaurant ideas link. Select one of the choices or write in your own idea. Please include the distance from your work to the restaurant and how frequently you visit.

### Child Development Centers East and West

A CDC Art Exhibit will be held Monday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Smith Community Center.

### Civilian Recreation

Family Night Bingo will be Monday at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit 3 packages per person. All children receive a

prize with the purchase of a pack.

Watch the movie “Top Gun” in the Smith Community Center ballroom Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Moviegoers are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this free event. Concessions will be on sale. Youths 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

MT Tennis players are invited to play at their own level in the singles and doubles spring tennis leagues, which begin April 5. Open to anyone 16 years and older in the Robins community to include active duty, retired, reserve military, DoD civilians, contractors and immediate family members who register by March 31. Cost is \$10 per person. Play at your own level.

### Family Child Care

Parents with children on the waiting list for care in the Child Development Center are encouraged to take advantage of the following: Starting Sunday, the Family Child Care program will enroll 3 - to 5 - year-olds for fulltime care in the Subsidy Program. The Subsidy Program offers parents the opportunity to pay the same rate for their subsidized space as they would if their child was enrolled in the CDC. Parents must complete the DD Form 2652 (Application for DoD Child Care Fees) and all supporting documentation to calculate the Total Family Income to the FCC coordinator. The coordinator will provide the income category number (1-

that have enhanced the nominator’s career and mission readiness. For more information, contact Ms. Cindy Graver at 926-3453.

### Volunteer excellence award

It’s time to nominate a civilian, military retiree, civilian retiree or family member for the Volunteer Excellence Award. To be eligible, an individual’s service must be performed either in the local civilian community or the military family community. The VEA is intended to recognize long-term community support and not a single act or achievement. Nominations should be one page, typed single spaced. Nominators should be specific when giving the time frame of the accomplishments. Nomination packages should include on a separate page, name, office symbol, and phone number of nominator. Nominations must be submitted not later than March 12 to: Volunteer Resource Manager, 78MSS/DPF, ATTN: Royce Williams. This award will be presented at the annual National Volunteer Recognition Week Ceremony to be held April 23. Questions may be directed to Mr. Royce Williams, at 926-1256.

6) and the appropriate weekly fee to the parent and provider. The provider will not be privy to the DD 2652 or the supporting documentation. Any questions about the calculation should be addressed to the FCC coordinator. Call 926-6741 for more information.

Are you a spouse of an active or retired military member who enjoys working with young children? Start a new career as a family child care provider by attending training March 5, 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Family Child Care Office, Smith Community Center, Building 767, 2nd floor.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

Explore and expand your horizons during ITT’s Travel Show March 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom.

Get away to Las Vegas May 17 - 20. Price per person, single \$704, double \$580.50, triple \$545.35 and quad \$535.75. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due at time of reservation. Balance due by March 12. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

### Skills Development Center

Sign up now for a six-week class for beginner and intermediate Quilting 101. Cost is \$55. Classes will be held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 6 - 8 p.m.

## STREAMING VIDEO

**FULL STREAM AHEAD\***


To view streaming video, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>


- Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray explains changes in Force Development
- 5th MOB chief earns Bronze Star
- Stretch and Flex program hopes to reduce workplace injuries

\* Videos are best viewed with the latest version of Windows Media Player (version 9).

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
**7:30 p.m. – Disney’s Teacher’s Pet – animated**  
Spot is a dog who can talk and read and longs for more than the doggy life. He masquerades as a human and sneaks into school with his master Leonard, posing as fellow student Scott Leadready II. Simply pretending to be a boy isn’t enough for him, he wants the real deal.  
Rated PG (some mildly crude humor) 84 minutes

**Saturday**  
**7:30 p.m. – Chasing Liberty – Mandy Moore and Matthew Goode**  
Tired of being followed around every moment of every day, the 18-year old daughter of the president of the United States ditches her Secret Service handlers and sets out on a romantic road trip through Europe with her boyfriend Ben.  
Rated PG-13 (sexual content and brief nudity) 111 minutes



## ROBINS REPORT

News from around the base –Watson and Cox Channel 15  
**Friday** – 8 p.m. ■**Sunday** – 1:30 p.m. ■**Monday** – noon

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service

includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship. **Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. **Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2. The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.



# Museum workshops let kids experience another world

**By Ms. Holly J. Logan**  
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Local children will soon be getting the chance to experience outer space without leaving the ground. The 13th annual Georgia Young Astronaut's Day, scheduled March 6 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar, will offer 15 workshops from which third- through eighth-grade children will get to choose two and be assigned two.

The fifteen workshops include: Newton's Laws of Motion, Rocketery, Star Lab Portable Planetarium, Nature's Pilots, Hot Air Balloons, Air-Pressure - Egg in a Bottle, Mission Quest, Ham Radio, Ooblek Slime, Flight Simulators 2000, Fabulous Flight Tour, Bernouilli's Principle, Parachute Egg Drop and Aviation Drawing.

Ms. Melissa Spalding, Museum of Aviation Education Department

director, said the day offers activities that help the community learn more about aviation and aerospace careers.

"We want to encourage students to attend with their parents," she said. "We're one of the only places that lets kids talk to experts and mentors in the field of aerospace and aviation."

Mr. Joe Edwards, astronaut and Augusta Science Museum director, will share his astronaut experience as the event's keynote speaker. All children must be accompanied by an adult the entire day, with one chaperone per every 10 children.

### What to know

The Georgia Young Astronaut's Day, to be held at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar March 6, is open to the Middle Georgia community, with special workshops and activities for third- through eighth-grade students. A \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt, four workshops and materials, and a hot dog lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 27. For more information on obtaining information forms, contact Ms. Melissa Spalding, Museum of Aviation Education Department director, at 926-5558.

## National Children's Dental Health Month



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Members of the 78th Dental Squadron visited Robins Elementary School Feb. 10 for National Children's Dental Health Month. Above, Aiyana Tucker, left, and Carolyn Bates get a close look at a dental X-ray.



Capt. Justine Tompkins educates third-graders about sealants for teeth.



Floss Man, aka Airman 1st Class John Dinh, demonstrates how to use floss to clean between teeth.

## HONOR ROLL

The Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Management Directorate quarterly award winners for July - September 2003 are:

- Mr. Bob Perraut, Civilian of the Quarter
- Ms. Darlene Robertson, Civilian of the Quarter
- Mr. Milton Everidge, Supervisor of the Quarter
- Second Lt. Chandra Sawyer-Pearson, CGO of the Quarter
- Master Sgt. Carolyn Harris, SNCO of the Quarter (no photo)
- Mr. Gregory Fechter, Contractor of the Quarter

The Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Management Directorate quarterly award winners for October - December 2003 are:

- Ms. Wanda Verrett, Civilian of the Quarter
- Ms. Debra Brown, Civilian of the Quarter
- Ms. Jane Schildknecht, Civilian of the Quarter
- Mr. Jim Godfrey, Supervisor of the Quarter
- Second Lt. Joseph Quillin, CGO of the Quarter
- Staff Sgt. Loren Hare, NCO of the Quarter
- Mr. Harry Wood, Contractor of the Quarter
- Ms. Judith Martin, Contractor of the Quarter

Mr. David N. Turner, sheet metal mechanic supervisor in the F-15 Wing Section Repair Branch, was named the MAN Supervisor of the Month for January.

Mr. Randy E. Stillwell, chemical engineer in the



Mr. Perraut



Ms. Robertson



Mr. Everidge



2nd Lt. Sawyer-Pearson



Mr. Fechter



Ms. Verrett



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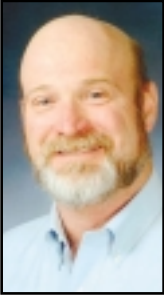
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Mr. Turner



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Process Control and Improvement Branch, was

named the MAN Employee of the Month for January.

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# Candy Camp adds flavor to mathematics

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The Museum of Aviation’s Education Department recently gave local school children a math lesson their taste-buds won’t soon forget.

The museum’s first Candy Camp, held Feb. 13 in the Century of Flight Hangar, taught local kindergarten through fifth-grade children some basic math formulas using tasty treats.

Museum Education Department Director Ms. Melissa Spalding said the event offered parents of more than 50 Houston County elementary school children who had the day off from school an educational alternative to child-care.

“We’re trying to offer more educational programs for children,” she said. “We plan to have more opportunities like this for local children, especially on in-service days.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Tonya L. McClure  
Ms. Brenda Sapp, Museum educator, helps students weigh Life Savers.

Children were taught how to graph, weigh, sort and calculate percentages of ingredients in various

chocolate candies.

In addition, kids learned the difference in types of chocolate by using their

sense of smell, made their own valentines and took home boxes of valentine candy.

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# Robins team steps up to call for assistance

**By Ms. Lisa Mathews**  
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When the Center’s Airborne Communications System received a call for assistance from Duke Field, Fla., in 2003, they, with the help of the Maintenance Directorate’s Software Division, answered the call quickly.

So quickly, in fact, that it resulted in members of MAS receiving the Air Force Civilian Achievement Award.

LYRC, now part of the Combat Electronic Systems Directorate, received a call from System Program Office personnel performing a time compliance technical order kit proofing on Special Operations aircraft at the 919th Maintenance Squadron at Duke Field, Fla.

During the process, they discovered that brand new ARC-222 receiver, transmit-

ters and radio control units from the TCTO kits weren’t working. Spares weren’t available, and the unit’s most experienced technician was deployed. Added to that, the aircraft was scheduled for deployment, causing a time crunch to solve the situation.

Mr. Robert Vonschoeler, of the 919th MXS, briefed Robins’ ARC-222 program manager Mr. Mike Myers about the situation. Mr. Myers’ integrated product team in LY worked with members of MAS to align and test assets at Robins for delivery to Florida.

Item manager Ms. Yvonne Abney made sure the parts were available and arranged for their pick up and delivery to the radio/communication laboratory in MAS.

In MAS, Mr. Sam Kenley, Mr. Eric Hunter, Mr. Charlie Hayman and Mr. Youngsun Kim worked with LY engineer Mr. Joseph Yancy to set

up testing procedures. At 1:30 a.m., Mr. Mark Kitchens left Robins to personally deliver the parts to Duke Field, which was faster than having them sent by a delivery service.

Mr. Vonschoeler notified Mr. Myers the parts were installed and functioning. The TCTO was completed on schedule, and the aircraft was able to deploy on time.

Following this, more of the parts were tested and aligned so that a shortfall of needed parts would not occur again. These parts were shelved for future surge stock.

Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of MA, presented Mr. Kenley, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hayman and Mr. Kim with the Air Force Civilian Achievement Award for their part in the surge.

*Editor’s Note: Personnel from MAS and LSAC contributed to this story.*

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## SPORTS AND FITNESS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

A pee wee bumper league will start Feb. 28. Cost is \$22.50 per child for 10 weeks. Registration is Saturday. For more information, call the center at 926-2112.

Bowlers play for \$1.75 a game Feb. 29. If their birthday falls on Feb. 29, they bowl three games for free.

### Outdoor Recreation

Round II of the Survivor Challenge will be held Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. Each month, there will be a new challenge for teams to compete for the overall Survivor title. Teams will include eight members, including three females. All members must be 18 years of age or older. Cost is \$100 per team. Register by today. For more information, call 926-4001 or visit

Equipment Rental, Building 914.

### Paintball tournament

There will be a paintball elimination tournament Saturday at On Target Paintball in Dry Branch, Ga.. Cost is \$100 per six member team and includes all equipment and 2,400 paintballs per person. The tournament is open to all base personnel, active duty, DoD civilians, family members and retirees. For more information call Equipment Rental at 926-4001 or e-mail cheryl.dollard@robins.af.mil.

### Youth Center

Robins Youth Center will be conducting baseball, softball, T-ball and micro T-ball registrations Saturday through Feb. 28. For more information, call Mr. Ron Hayes.

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Courtesy photo

This HH-60G Pave Hawk is one of 104 managed by the Special Operations Forces Combat Search and Rescue System Program Office here.

# Robins explores new options in securing helicopter parts

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As helicopters gain importance in the Air Force and Army’s war fighting missions, Robins is seeking alternative sources for parts.

Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas - currently one of three sources of repair for the Air Force’s HH-60G - manages depot-level repair of the Army’s UH-60 Black Hawk making parts supply between the two branches a delicate balancing act.

Lt. Col. Chris Overman, Helicopter Division chief for the Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue System Program Office here, said with growing workloads, finding alternative sources for repair may be necessary to meet the aircraft’s high demand.

“We’re trying to expand outside having just one source to try and get better aircraft availability to the war fighter by having multiple sources for depot-level work,” he said.

Sourcing depot repair through the Coast Guard in

## What to know

The Air Force has 104 HH60-G Pave Hawks dispersed across 11 bases and seven major commands. The Army owns a reported 1,549 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

Elizabeth City, N.C., Korean Airlines and other avenues, with the Army’s approval, could mean improved readiness for the war fighter.

Maj. Leon Dockery, H-1 and HH-60G integrated product team lead for the Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue System Program Office’s Helicopter Division, spends most of his workday making phone calls and coordinating communication to get the Air Force’s 104 HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters the right parts at the right time.

“It’s tricky sometimes because a majority of (the helicopters) are run and owned by

the Army, who need the same parts in some instances,” he said. “We’re constantly trying to gain parts from the Army, and it’s not always easy to meet requirements.”

The major, along with a 40-person team consisting of program managers, production specialists, item managers, equipment specialists and engineers within the more than 300-person SPO, identify and secure needed parts and equipment to meet the aircraft’s requirements for aircraft modifications performed at Crest View Aerospace Corporation, Fla.

While the HH-60G Pave Hawk is not within the team’s reach here, he said he is still in touch with what’s happening at the repair locations.

“It makes our job more interesting not seeing the aircraft first-hand,” he said. “But I have liaisons at both places that keep me informed of what’s going on with the aircraft.”

The major said the aircraft’s mission of combat search and rescue of downed aircrews is one that, during wartime, is invaluable.

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## Family Advocacy announces new WIC hours

The nutrition program known as WIC – Women, Infants, Children – is going from a two-day to a five-day operating schedule at Robins.

Robins' Family Advocacy Program announced new hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Previously, hours were Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The WIC office is in Building 700, Suite H101.

The program provides free healthy foods and nutrition information to pregnant women, mothers and small children up to age 5. It's free to those who meet eligibility requirements. To check eligibility or for other WIC information, call the WIC office, 327-8433.

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## Group annual award winners named



Senior Airman Andrew Rudnicki, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, is the Airman of the Year.

Airman Rudnicki, a ground radio maintenance apprentice, deployed for 121 days to four different locations in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

While deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, he helped install 28 land mobile radio base stations, 15 repeater nets and 750 hand held units. He also reengineered the radio network by reconfiguring and reallocating base frequencies, which increased the available channels by 53 percent. He also was instrumental in seamlessly relocating the deployed group's operations center, resulting in zero down time.

Airman Rudnicki also modified the giant voice package to a wireless operation, which cut installation and maintenance time by 30 percent and led installation of UHF communications for an A-10 squadron.

Airman Rudnicki is the 52nd's booster club president, choreographed the squadron's Christmas party, arranged music for a deployed Memorial Day retreat ceremony and provided public address support for the first commander's call at Tallil.



Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, is the NCO of the Year.

Sergeant Owens, chief of the command support staff and work group manger, deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom to be the NCO in charge of workgroup management. She helped set up a morale tent at the base, which helped 1,600 people each day communicate with their families back home.

During the first month of her deployment, she configured 350 computers for distribution. She also masterminded design of web pages to host thousands of deployed war fighters, earning her the expeditionary group's NCO of the month.

She also increased timeliness by streamlining her unit's performance report, decoration and feedback tracking system, getting the number of overdue items from 85 to zero in two weeks.

Sergeant Owens donated more than 400 hours of charitable service, serving as the sole coordinator for the Russell Elementary Spring Fling fundraiser. She arranged for 250 volunteers to help with the event, raising more than \$7,000 for the school.



Senior Master Sgt. Michael Cote, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron, is the Senior NCO of the Year.

Sergeant Cote, superintendent of the combat plans and operations flight, was hand picked to set up combat airfield systems operations at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He helped orchestrate the shipment and setup of 95 tons of equipment, getting the systems fully operational days ahead of expectations.

While deployed, he continuously tried to improve the quality of life for the communications personnel, building latrines, hand washing stations and showers. He was the first senior NCO of the quarter at Tallil.

The sergeant also helped orchestrate processing of over 900 tons of cargo for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. There were zero discrepancies and because of his leadership, the command and control and airfield operations packages arrived in time to initiate combat operations as scheduled.

Sergeant Cote was a booth manager for the base air show, a church usher, secretary of the group's Top 3 council and committee member for the Boy Scout's Camping Jamboree.



Capt. Melissa Cunningham, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, is the CGO of the Year.

Captain Cunningham, mission systems flight commander, deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, last year, serving as the flight commander for the mission systems, mission support and base level systems flights. She led 161 members to establishing a bare base network, radio, giant voice and messaging services, supporting more than 2,000 people.

Her leadership was key because 95 percent of the team were three-level pipeline students. They built 28.4 short tons of cargo and established a primary crash net with the command post, Army and Air Force fire departments, security forces and medical squadron.

The captain also served as the squadron commander for three months, leading the 54th through an operational readiness exercise, reconstitution and unit compliance inspection preparation. She also received her squadron's highest leadership rating in the Air Force Unit Climate Assessment Survey.

Captain Cunningham is the group SCB council president, vice president of the CGO group and is a volunteer for multiple community activities.

<b>Other yearly award winners are:</b> <b>First Sergeant</b> — Master Sgt. Jack Ladley, 54th CBCS <b>Civilian</b> — Mr. Steve Feeley, AFETS <b>Communication-Electronics Maintainer:</b> • Technician — Senior Airman Lisa Lantz, 51st CBCS • Supervisor-Technician — Staff Sgt. Michael Cole, 52nd CBCS • Supervisor-Manager — Master Sgt. Roger Cain, 52nd CBCS <b>SHF Transmission Systems Maintainer/Operator:</b> • Technician — Senior Airman	Robert Cortez, 51st CBCS • Supervisor-Technician — Staff Sgt. Sergio Perez, 51st CBCS • Supervisor-Manager — Master Sgt. Michael Wolf, 52nd CBCS <b>Communications/Information Operator:</b> • Technician — Senior Airman Anthony Miller, 54th CBCS • Supervisor-Technician — Staff Sgt. Joseph Bordage, 54th CBCS • Supervisor-Manager — Master Sgt. Gary Enns, 54th CBCS <b>Communications Support Person:</b> • Technician — Senior Airman Victor Sarmiento, 51st CBCS	• Supervisor-Technician — Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens, 54th CBCS • Supervisor-Manager — Master Sgt. Robert Burrell, 51st CBCS Outstanding Team Award — 54th CBCS Power/HVAC work-center: Tech. Sgts. Robert Sandaver and Matthew Stathakis; Staff Sgts. Randy Downie, William McElroy and John Wrobel; Senior Airmen Jeffrey Mihelcich, Jason Franklin, Thomas Prater, Paul Prescott and Antonio Goldsmith; and Airmen 1st Class Kenneth Grey, Elton Brock, Keith Drummond, John Nacinopa and	Michael Martin <b>Leo Marquez Awards:</b> • Supervisor-Manager — Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Ashley, 51st CBCS • Supervisor-Technician — Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jackson, 51st CBCS • Technician — Senior Airman Chad Lee, 51st CBCS <b>Communication and Information Awards:</b> • C&I Team Award — 52nd CBCS BII • C&I CGO — Capt. Patrick Hilgendorf, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron	• C&I 3C Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Michael Kochera, 51st CBCS • C&I 3C NCO — Tech. Sgt. Moses Knott, 51st CBCS • C&I 3C Airman — Senior Airman Stacie Najar, 52nd CBCS • C&I 2E Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Maria Kamrowski, 5th CBCSS • C&I 2E NCO — Tech. Sgt. Wade Wardrip, 51st CBCS • C&I 2E Airman — Senior Airman Brian Angell, 51st CBCS • C&I 3A NCO — Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens, 54th CBCS • C&I 3A Airman — Amn. Lanell Peterson, 54th CBCSS
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photos by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

### Heading out

At left, Airman 1st Class Ryan Andrews, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron Network Administrator, takes a break before deployment processing Feb. 6. Above, Master Sgt. Dennis Andre, left, hands medical records to Tech. Sgt. Sam Roberts, a telephone switch maintainer, before leaving for deployment processing. Andrews and Roberts were two of more than 40 airmen from the 53rd that recently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.





Diggs

# 5th MOB Warrior

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Airman 1st Class Charles Diggs, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron, is this month's 5th MOB Warrior.

Airman Diggs, a telephone systems apprentice, has been assigned to the 5th for one year and two months out of his one year and 10 months in the Air Force. Even though he hasn't been in long, he's already left a mark.

"Airman Diggs sets the example as to how a young troop should represent today's Air Force, from his outstanding appearances to his go get it attitude," said Master Sgt. Alfred Campbell. "Another thing which makes him such a sharp troop is his outstanding rapport with his fellow team members. They know that they can

depend on him in any situation." Airman Diggs said he enjoys being in the Air Force because he enjoys the work environment and there's always a challenge. He said he likes being in the MOB because of the variety in his job and because of his fellow airmen. "The MOB has a diversity of jobs and tasks," he said. "I am never doing the same routine everyday and the MOB members I work with are like family." He recently returned from a stint on the base honor guard, where he volunteered to serve. He also was selected as the squadron's airman of the quarter for January-April 2003. When Airman Diggs isn't at work, he said he loves spending time with his wife and newborn son and volunteering on base in the local community.

## Stepping up when your team needs you

by Staff Sgt. Lucus Fletcher  
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The leadership role of today's NCO is multifaceted. We exhibit leadership in many ways, from looking professional, emulating the dress and appearance standards to being good followers, supporting senior leadership, and exercising both assertiveness and restraint, depending on the situation.

The surface layer of leading by example is relatively simple, especially in an organization that spells out the standards and how to meet and even exceed those standards. Keeping our uniforms ironed and our boots shiny is the easy part.

But what about making those "tough decisions" they talk about in all the professional military education courses? That becomes a little cloudier.

There are times in every NCO's career when we have to make tough choices, when the course of action is not clearly laid out in a regulation or a manual, when the right path may not be the most popular, but is right none the less.

At these times it is not easy to step outside the box and confront issues. It's difficult to run the risk of being told by someone who is a little higher up in the food chain, "Thanks, but there is really nothing we can do about it at this time." It's difficult to chance someone holding a grudge or be the one responsible for opening up the proverbial "can of worms." It's difficult to risk losing a friend or being the "odd guy out" in the crowd. Who will be the wiser if we choose to look the other way?

These are gut check times, times when we must look inside ourselves and ask the tough questions. Will we do what is right or what is easy?

Sometimes even harder than confronting tough issues is knowing when to let go and drop the issue. As NCOs we may identify a problem but then be less than satisfied with the way it is handled or resolved. In the end we may feel ineffective, or even like a fail-

ure. In fact, this may be precisely the reason why some choose to look the other way. But it's important to point out that a huge part of leadership is learning from the past, both from successes as well as failures, and everything in between. Another important part of leadership is knowing when to follow, knowing when to let go and let our leaders take over. We may not entirely agree with decisions or even entirely understand the big picture, and that's okay. The important thing is to step outside of ourselves, reflect without emotions on the entire situation as we understand it, evaluate and assess our choices, and learn from the experience. We should remember that when we identify problems that we cannot correct, we are doing our jobs. We are setting the example for others to follow. And even when we miss the mark, if we learn from our mistakes, then maybe we didn't entirely miss it after all. Michael Jordan, in his book "Struggles/Success" stated: "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot... and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that's precisely why I succeed." If Michael Jordan dwelled on those failures after the first two missed game winning shots and threw in the towel and said, "I quit; I will never take a game winning shot again," he wouldn't have become arguably one of the greatest players of all time. So how can we be effective leaders? By being true to our troops, the Air Force Core values, and ourselves and by learning from our experiences. A truly effective leader will be acquainted with difficult and trying times; we will be forced to make tough decisions. It is these decisions, the lessons learned, and the learning applied to future situations that will ultimately define our careers and those of the future leaders we impact today.



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